

Messrs. K. Narayana Setty, Tumkur Taluk; **D. S. Mallappa** and **M. Basaviah**, Tiptur Taluk; and **G. K. Mallappa**, Tiptur Municipality.—

Q.—42. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) Whether they are aware of the part taken by certain Government officers in favour of candidates in connection with the recent elections to the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council?

(b) If so, who are the officers who worked on behalf of the candidates?

Secretary to Government, Law Department.—

A.—42. (a) No.

(b) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (a.)

Messrs. K. Narayana Setty, Tumkur Taluk and **S. M. Sivalingappa**, Chiknaikanhalli Taluk —

Q.—43. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) When they will take over the management of the Railway line up to Harihar?

(b) Whether Government have in view the opening of a railway line from Tumkur to Sirsi via Koratagere and Madhugiri, and if so, when?

(c) The number of reports received up till now regarding thefts in trains and the number of cases which were successfully detected so far?

(d) Whether it is possible to still further reduce the Railway fares for the 1st, 2nd and Intermediate classes?

(e) How long since has the railway cess been levied in the Tumkur District for laying railway lines in the district; what is the total amount realised under this head up-to-date; has this amount been kept in deposit separately or invested in the Government Savings Bank?

(f) Are Government aware of the fact that no steps have been taken till now to construct railway lines in this district and if so the reasons therefor?

(g) Whether the railway cess could not be abolished in case no new railway lines are constructed as the levy of this cess is felt as a hardship by the raiyats?

Secretary to Government, Mysore Railways.—

A.—43. (a) According to the present contract, the line is due for resumption on 1st January 1938.

(b) Government are not in favour of taking up the construction of this line which would be unremunerative, as the traffic prospects of the line are very poor.